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SUBJECT: NON-INVITATION TO SOUTH AFRICA TO WIPO/PIC
MEETING ON PARIS CONVENTION REVISION

1. FOLLOWING GROUP B MEMBER STATES (AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, CANADA, DENMARK, FRG, FRANCE, ITALY, JAPAN, NETHERLANDS, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, UK, US) WHO ARE ATTENDING WORKING GROUP MEETINGS OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO) OF THE PREPARATORY INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE (PIC) ON REVISION OF THE PARIS INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY CONVENTION MET ON JUNE 20 AND DISCUSSED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE NON-INVITATION TO SOUTH AFRICA TO THE WIPO/PIC MEETING AS A RESULT OF A DECISION OF THE WIPO COORDINATION COMMITTEE IN SEPTEMBER 1977.

2. USDEL REFERRED TO THE INFORMAL COMMUNICATION FROM K.N. KISCH, PRIVATE SOUTH AFRICAN PATENT ATTORNEY, TO OFFICIALS IN THE USG, THE UK, CANADA, AND THE FRG IN WHICH HE HAD ASKED THAT GROUP B BE PREPARED TO MAKE ANOTHER STATEMENT AT THE PIC MEETING IN JUNE ABOUT THE NON-INVITATION TO SOUTH AFRICA. THE USG BELIEVED IT WAS DESIRABLE FOR GROUP B TO MAKE A STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD
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AND ASKED FOR GROUP B AGREEMENT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "WE NOTE THAT NO INVITATION TO THIS MEETING HAS BEEN ISSUED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA. WE DEEPLY REGRET THIS, FOR THOSE REASONS SET FORTH IN THE GROUP B STATEMENT LAST NOVEMBER."

3. FOLLOWING ARE VIEWS EXPRESSED AT GROUP B MEETING:

(A) FRG AGREED WITH THIS POSITION IN SUBSTANCE BUT SEES A PROBLEM IN MAKING A STATEMENT AT THIS MEETING. GROUP B MADE A STATEMENT IN THE PIC MEETING IN NOVEMBER 1977 BECAUSE IT WAS THE FIRST MEETING AFTER THE DECISION IN THE WIPO COORDINATION COMMITTEE IN SEPTEMBER 1977 NOT TO INVITE SOUTH AFRICA TO PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE PARIS CONVENTION. SINCE NOVEMBER 1977 THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER WIPO MEETINGS TO WHICH SOUTH AFRICA WAS NOT INVITED AND NO STATEMENT WAS MADE BY GROUP B. THE FRG BELIEVED WE SHOULD RAISE THE ISSUE AGAIN IN THE NEXT MEETING OF THE WIPO COORDINATION COMMITTEE IN SEPTEMBER 1978 WHEN THIS COMMITTEE HAS TO PREPARE THE AGENDA FOR THE PARIS UNION ASSEMBLY MEETING SEPTEMBER 1979. HOWEVER, IF GROUP B DECIDED TO MAKE A STATEMENT IN THE PIC, THE FRG COULD GO ALONG WITH GROUP B.

(B) JAPAN FULLY SUPPORTED THE VIEWS OF THE FRG.

(C) UK BELIEVED THE FRG STATEMENT WAS A NEW WAY OF LOOKING AT THE SOUTH AFRICAN PROBLEM IN THE PIC AND COULD SEE MERIT TO IT. HOWEVER, IT COULD GO ALONG WITH A STATEMENT MADE ON BEHALF OF GROUP B. (EARLIER IN AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH THE UK DELEGATE, HE HAD EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT IT WAS "DANGEROUS" FOR THE SO-CALLED WESTERN FIVE TO MAKE A SEPARATE STATEMENT SINCE IT WOULD INDICATE A SPLIT IN GROUP B.)
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(D) CANADA STATED THAT IT WAS OPPOSED TO MAKING A STATEMENT IN THE PIC BUT WOULD CONSIDER A GROUP B STATEMENT TO BE MADE IN THE WIPO COORDINATION COMMITTEE IN SEPTEMBER.

(E) FRANCE MADE NO STATEMENT IN THE GROUP B MEETING BUT EARLIER TOLD THE USDEL INFORMALLY THAT HE WAS OPPOSED TO RAISING THE ISSUE AGAIN AT THIS PIC MEETING. HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD CONSIDER WHETHER OR NOT THE ISSUE SHOULD BE RAISED AGAIN IN THE WIPO ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES MEETING IN SEPTEMBER 1978.

4. AFTER ASKING WHETHER ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT HAD ANY VIEWS ON THE QUESTION, THE SPOKESMAN FOR GROUP B AND CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING (SWEDEN) SAID THERE APPEARED TO BE A CONSENSUS FOR MAKING ONLY FURTHER STATEMENT ON THE NON-INVITATION TO SOUTH AFRICA AT THE WIPO COORDINATION COMMITTEE IN SEPTEMBER 1978. THIS VIEW WAS ACCEPTED BY THE AFOREMENTIONED GROUP B COUNTRIES PRESENT AT THE MEETING. SORENSON

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